

Digital Media Developers Group

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Old Business:

ITAB Report : Kay Dinolfo

Consolidation continues.

ITAB is developing project management standards.

The Digital Government subcommittee is inactive, but the CRM committee is meeting.

Accessibilty: Kevin Lanahan

Search Engine: Ron Thomas

The bid closes May 17 with an award next week.

Power-Up Conference: Kay Dinolfo

Recap of the conference highlights.

New Business:

Services box/Analog upgrade: T. Mike Curry, MOREnet

MOREnet will upgrade Apache and mod-jk on the Services box on May 15 and install a newer version of Analog for site statistics. They are upgrading to Analog v.6 (from v.4)

Web Guideline discussion: Kevin Lanahan

After discussion and a few changes, the revised web standards and guidelines were approved. They will be posted on the public portion of the DMD site.

MO Government Digital Conference

Kirk Keller suggested that DMD sponsor a table at the conference and consider hosting a session for next year. Membership response was underwhelming, and no action was taken.

Agency Projects/Open Discussion:

Fixed vs Fluid Layout Death Match

There was some discussion about whether a fixed vs fluid layout was preferable.

Basically, it depends. As monitors get larger, it makes sense to limit the width of a page for readability, but this can be done with CSS. With CSS, a designer can have a page that is flexible up to a maximum width, so that may be the best solution to the issue.

Branding

Pat W brought up the subject of "branding" our websites and documents. It is important that all agency web documents are identified with the originating agency.

Newsfeeds

Kevin reminded everyone to validate their newsfeed before posting it, otherwise their agency news will not be aggregated.

Next monthly meeting is June 2 from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm in Room 500 of the Harry S Truman Building